

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re A | Application of: |) | |
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| | • | : | Examiner: LASHONDA T. JACOBS |
| ATSUSHI KAKIMOTO | |) | |
| | | : | Art Unit: 2157 |
| Application No.: 09/678,893 | |) | |
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| Filed: October 4, 2000 | |) | |
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| For: | INFORMATION MANAGEMENT |) | |
| | METHOD IN NETWORK | : | |
| | SYSTEM |) | September 27, 2005 |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for taking further action in response to the Office Action of May 31, 2005 to September 30, 2005. A check in the amount of \$120.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

A Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

Preliminary to continued examination, please further amend the above-identified application in the following manner. Amendments to the specification are discussed on page 2, amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 4, and the Remarks begin on page 14.